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Lon Thomas  
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4040 South 300 West  
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RE: Approval of Variance Requests, Lion Heart Quarry, S/003/033, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On April 25, 1995, the Division conducted a joint inspection of the proposed Lion Heart Quarry site, located in the SW/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 8 and the NW/4 of the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 17, T14N, R16W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if the variances requested during our April 19, 1995, meeting are warranted.

Existing topsoil on the five-acre site is very thin and is broken by a fair amount of rock outcrop. The Division concurs that salvaging this topsoil would be impractical and hereby grants a variance for salvaging this material. While there was a fair amount of vegetation on the site, most appeared to be rooted in the cracks and holes in the rock. Even if all topsoil could be salvaged from the site prior to quarrying, it would not be practical to meet the revegetation standard. The Division hereby grants a variance from the revegetation requirements.

Please note, these variances will apply only to this first five-acre permit area. The variances will need to be re-evaluated before any expansion is made.

During the inspection it was also noted that a portion of the five-acre permit area is on private ground (both surface and mineral). The Division would like to remind you that our approval does not give you the right to trespass on private property and that you must obtain written permission from the surface and mineral owner(s) before you enter upon and begin your mining operations on that portion of your permit area that is in private ownership.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Reclamation Specialist

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